



# Books on Tape Update

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## Election Day Initiatives Available On Audio Cassette

Election Day is November 7! This year two propositions will be on the ballot for voter consideration.

**Proposition 1:** Initiative increasing K-12 funding for local schools by adding 1% to sales tax.

**Proposition 2:** Initiative limiting eminent domain when used for economic development, defining land use law, and permitting just compensation for regulating takings.

In addition, two constitutional amendments and one advisory vote will be on the ballot.

**H.J.R. No. 2:** Shall Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 28, to provide that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state?

**S.J.R. No. 107:** Shall the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 18, Article VII, to create an Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund?

**Advisory Vote:** Should the State of Idaho keep the property tax relief adopted in August 2006, reducing property taxes by approximately \$260 million and protecting funding for public schools by keeping the sales tax at 6%?

The complete text of each of the above initiatives plus the arguments in favor of and against the propositions are available in audio cassette from the Talking Book Service. Order yours today by calling 1-800-458-3271.

Computer users can listen to the text in MP3 audio format at:

<http://www.idsos.state.id.us/elect/initinfo.htm>

## OUR WEBSITE HAS CHANGED!

If you haven't had a chance to look, go to [Libraries.idaho.gov](http://Libraries.idaho.gov) and check out our new website.

Once there you will find lots of information about what the Idaho Commission for Libraries is doing and all the projects and programs that we are involved in.

To get to the Talking Book Service, go to the bar that says Blind and Visually Impaired. The lines below are links that will open other pages which have more information including the last one which links you to the catalog page. The direct URL for the catalog is:  
<http://www.klas.com/idbph>.

If you do not use the Website to order books and are interested in doing so, call or e-mail us and get your log-in and password. You can also submit an e-mail from the catalog web site:  
<http://libraries.idaho.gov/talking-book-catalog>

Happy browsing!



## Large Print Dispersal

More than 13,000 Large Print titles were distributed to thirty-seven Idaho libraries in July. Public, school, and medical libraries submitted proposals outlining their plans for sharing the titles with users who might not physically visit the library.

"Libraries and consortia developed innovative ways to partner with organizations in their communities to deliver books to the print impaired in their service areas," said Sue Walker, Librarian for Print Impaired Services. "We were able to select the number and genre of titles based on each library's space and collection needs."

Talking Book patrons can use the large print collections in their local public library. Most public libraries have large print collections and regularly purchase additional titles. Users unable to physically visit the library can receive and return large print books "Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped."

Call the Talking Book Service for a contact at your local public library and keep reading!

## DONATIONS

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## IN MEMORIUM

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## Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Jackie Kalinauskas, Volunteer Talking Book Inspector. Jackie is a 30 year member of the Treasure Valley Chapter of The Telephone Pioneers of America.



The Pioneers are a community service organization of both retired and active employees of telephone/communications companies. This wonderful volunteer group supports the Talking Book Program nationwide with book inspection, machine repair and many other volunteer positions.

Jackie joined our volunteer program in February of 2003 and comes to help out at least one day per week. Since 2003 she has given over **500** hours of her valuable time. Jackie works with other volunteers to open, inspect and rewind Talking Books when they are returned from our readers. We see an average of 700 Talking Books returned in each day's mail, and they all need to be inspected before they can be checked in. Once the books are checked in, the next book on the reader's list is sent out. So as you can see, without our dedicated and reliable volunteer book inspectors like Jackie, our Talking Book

circulation would become a real bottleneck.

Just because she is retired doesn't mean she has lots of time on her hands. Jackie's other volunteer commitments include the Idaho

Botanical Garden and crocheting hats, scarves and mittens for orphanages in Poland. She also gives a good portion of her time to her wonderful grand kids and of course, she is a book lover.

Thank you Jackie, for helping the Idaho Commission for Libraries supply a continuous stream of great reading materials to our avid Talking Book readers.

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### Idaho Talking Book Centenarians

The Idaho Commission for Libraries and the Talking Book Service congratulate three of our customers who recently celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday:

Opal Dickson Gooding, ID  
Guy Vander Orofino, ID  
Ruth Latshaw Wendell, ID

## New Staff Members

### Janelle Wilson, Office Specialist 2



Janelle joined the support services team on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Janelle is a Boise native with a Communication degree from Boise

State University. An avid reader and long time library patron, she is excited to join the Idaho Commission for Libraries in their mission to ensure that others can enjoy libraries as much as she has. In her free time, Janelle loves to dance, do yoga, and participate in the local poetry slam.

### Melissa Owen, Office Specialist 1

Melissa joined our team on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Melissa has two children, ages 3 and 5. She enjoys cooking, going to concerts, trying new



restaurants, watching the Pittsburgh Steelers and Bronco football games. Melissa also collects cookbooks and loves to yard sale in the summer.

### Ursula Brown, Office Specialist 1

Ursula joined the support services team at the end of May. Ursula moved from Germany to the United States almost 20 years ago. She has two beautiful and smart girls, one in college and the other is in high school. Ursula enjoys daily walks with her golden retriever.



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## New Books From Our Studio

Here are new titles produced in the recording studio of the Idaho Commission for Libraries, Talking Book Service. To order use the order form enclosed with this newsletter or call the Talking Book Service in Idaho toll free 1-800-458-3271 or in the Boise area 334-2150.

### Fort Limhi: The Mormon Adventure in Oregon Territory, 1855-1858 VCT1016

by David Bigler  
Read by Norma Ericson  
3 cassette(s)

In May 1855 twenty-seven men set out from the young Mormon settlements in Utah to establish the northernmost colony of the Kingdom of God, "the Northern

Mission to the Remnants of the House of Jacob"—American Indians. Author David Bigler shows that the colony, known as the Salmon River Mission, played a pivotal role in the Utah War of 1857–1858 and that the catastrophic end of the mission was critical in keeping that conflict from becoming an all out war between Mormon Utah and the United States. In the process, he uses a multitude of primary sources and many newly uncovered or previously overlooked sources, to reconstruct a dramatic and compelling story involving stalwart Mormon frontiersmen, Brigham Young, a variety of Native American individuals and groups, the U. S. Army, and "mountaineers."

**Adult Non-Fiction**

**Wild to the Last: Environmental  
Conflict in the Clearwater Country**  
**VCT1017**

by Charles Pezeshki  
Read by Nichole Albertson  
2 cassette(s)

Charles Pezeshki writes with passion, providing a mesmerizing picture of the forces arrayed to destroy roadless areas and their dependent animal and plant species in Idaho's Clearwater National Forest. With engaging

narrative the author unforgettably presents the pristine nature of these precious areas and the limited time they have left to exist if citizens don't wake up to their imminent, taxpayer-subsidized ruin. If you are not already a wilderness/roadless area advocate, this book will light the fires within your soul.

**Adult Non-Fiction**

**Above the Clearwater : Living on  
Stolen Land**  
**VCT1018**

by Bette Lynch Husted  
Read by Sue Vap  
2 cassette(s)

In a series of graceful and moving essays, Bette Husted chronicles her family's history on "stolen land", benchland above the Clearwater River in north-central Idaho that had been a home for the Nez Perce Indians until the Dawes Act of 1895 opened their reservation to settlement. With a powerful poetic voice Husted illuminates the tangled relationship between the history of a particular place and the history of the families that inhabit that place over time.

**Adult Non-Fiction**



**The Sowing and the Reaping: A  
Western Recollection VCT1019**

by George Stewart  
Read by Michael Clancy  
1 cassette(s)

Young George Stewart moved from the plains of Kansas to a Colorado mountain region where he spent an early boyhood among miners, ranchers, and human and animal characters of every description. The years were filled with hard work, old timer's stories, contests of skill, and schooling. But if life in Colorado was difficult in those days of few railroads and no automobiles, the author's teenage years in Idaho's Payette Valley were more so. The poverty stricken family moved into that raw, arid country when the boy was fourteen. Tales of taming the land, irrigation problems, the changing season, threshing and harvesting, death, friends and community spirit, horses, mules and coyotes are recalled in vivid poetry and prose.

**Adult Non-Fiction**

**New Books  
from Other Libraries**

We've added new Spanish language titles to our IC Collection. These are books recorded by other Talking Book Libraries.

**Pensamientos para ser feliz: una  
ayuda en los momentos dificiles -  
Spanish IC354**

by Liliq Reyes Spindola  
Read by Sandy Litschi  
1 cassette(s)

Contemplations for your  
happiness: help in difficult  
moments

**Adult Non-Fiction**

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**Biennial Survey On Its Way!**

The Talking Book Service needs your feedback to help us better serve you.

Every two years the Talking Book Service distributes a survey to determine how well we're meeting our customers' needs. In mid-November you'll receive a short written survey that will cover all aspects of the Service.

Please give us your honest feedback and return it as soon as possible so that we can evaluate how well we're doing. All responses are confidential.

The survey also will be posted on the Talking Book Service website at: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs> and can be completed whenever you'd like to comment on any aspect of the Talking Book Service.

## **Assistive Products Listed**

NLS has released its newest reference circular: "Assistive Technology Products for Information Access" (no. 06-01). This circular is designed to enable people who have visual or physical disabilities to access information.

The products convert print into synthetic speech, Braille or enlarge text and include screen readers, speech synthesizers, voice recognition, web access, scanners and reading machines. Many companies have special offers on their web sites and free demonstration software. Because prices are subject to change without notice, contact companies directly to verify current prices and product specifications.

Items listed in this circular are not part of the National Library Service program and their listing does not imply endorsement. If you would like a copy of this publication, contact the Talking Book Service.



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